

INITIAL STATEMENT OF REASONS

a) Specific Purpose of the Regulations and Factual Basis for Determination that Regulations Are NecessarySection 42-701.2(h)(1)Specific Purpose:

This section is being adopted to define "homework time," also known as "study time," as it applies to education activities in the California Work Opportunity and Responsibility to Kids (CalWORKs) program. Currently, no definition exists in the regulations for this statutorily allowable activity.

Factual Basis:

This adoption is necessary to implement Welfare and Institutions Code (WIC) sections 11322.6 and 11322.85, which list the possible activities that individuals can participate in, and section 11325.23(a)(3)(C), which identifies study time as an allowable activity for participants in Self-Initiated Programs (SIP). Existing regulations do not provide a definition, which has in the past caused confusion and inconsistency in the CalWORKs program. The California Department of Social Services (CDSS) is now providing a definition under the provisions of WIC section 10553, which provides the Director of CDSS with the authority to adopt regulations to ensure consistency in the administration of the CalWORKs program.

Section 42-701.2(p)(3)Specific Purpose:

This section is being adopted to define "pregnant person only" for purposes of welfare-to-work participation requirements. A "pregnant person only" assistance unit was previously only defined in All County Letter (ACL) 16-21. This adoption will align regulations with the guidance in ACL 16-21 and Assembly Bill (AB) 910 (Chapter 318, Statutes of 2017), which specifies the participation requirements for pregnant person only assistance units.

Factual Basis:

This adoption is necessary to comply with WIC section 11322.8, as amended by AB 910, Section 2, effective July 1, 2018, by providing a definition in the regulations for "pregnant person only." AB 910 established new minimum work requirements for an assistance unit consisting of a pregnant person only. Without a current definition, there may be confusion as to what permutations constitute a

pregnant person only assistance unit. This adoption will align regulations with the guidance in ACL 16-21 and AB 910.

Section 42-708.721(a)(3)

Specific Purpose:

This section is being amended to clarify that, for the purpose of granting an extension to a client's Welfare-to-Work 24-Month Time Clock, high school or its equivalent is a qualifying education or treatment program that will meaningfully increase the client's likelihood of employment. Currently, no regulations exist for this statutorily required policy.

Factual Basis:

This amendment is necessary to implement WIC section 11322.87, as amended by AB 818 (Chapter 141, Statutes of 2017). WIC section 11322.87(a)(3) allows CalWORKs clients to request an extension to the Welfare-to-Work 24-Month Time Clock for certain educational activities that would meaningfully increase the likelihood of employment. This amendment clarifies what education or treatment programs are applicable, and that pursuant to AB 818, a high school education or its equivalent is presumed to meaningfully increase the likelihood of employment. It also provides more specific guidance to counties regarding whether to approve a client's request for an extension to the client's Welfare-to-Work 24-Month Time Clock.

Section 42-708.721(a)(7)

Specific Purpose:

This section is being adopted to instruct counties that they may now approve a request to extend a client's Welfare-to-Work 24-Month Time Clock when additional time is required to complete an educational or treatment program, beyond high school or its equivalent, that is presumed to meaningfully increase the client's likelihood of employment, after having used a portion of their Welfare-to-Work 24-Month Time Clock to complete their high school education or equivalent. Currently, no regulations exist for this statutory required policy.

Factual Basis:

This adoption is necessary to implement WIC section 11322.87, as amended by AB 818, which adds a new circumstance under which a client may be approved an extension to their Welfare-to-Work 24-Month Time Clock.

Sections 42-709.24 and .241

Specific Purpose:

These sections are being adopted to add "Adult in Pregnant Person Only Assistant Unit" as a new assistant unit that must comply with CalWORKs federal hourly participation requirements. Section 42-709.241 states this assistant unit's participation requirements. Currently no regulations exist regarding federal standards for this type of assistance unit.

Factual Basis:

This adoption is necessary to implement WIC section 11322.8, as adopted by AB 910, Section 2, effective July 1, 2018. There are several existing categories of assistance units that must comply with CalWORKs federal standards. Existing regulations do not currently provide a description of a "pregnant person only" assistance unit, though one is provided in ACL 16-21. This adoption will align regulations with the guidance in ACL 16-21 and AB 910. Additionally, AB 910, Section 3, requires the adoption of regulations for WIC section 11322.8.

Sections 42-711.414 and .414(a)

Specific Purpose:

These sections are being adopted to add "Adult in Pregnant Person Only Assistant Unit" as a new assistant unit for CalWORKs minimum standards. Section 42-711.414(a) states this assistant unit's participation requirements. Currently no regulations exist regarding CalWORKs minimum standard requirements for this type of assistance unit.

Factual Basis:

This adoption is necessary to implement WIC section 11322.8, as adopted by AB 910, which describe the participation requirements for pregnant person only assistance units for CalWORKs minimum standards. Existing regulations do not currently provide a description of this assistance unit, though a description is provided in ACL 16-21. This adoption will align regulations with the guidance in ACL 16-21 and AB 910. Additionally, AB 910, Section 3, requires the adoption of regulations for WIC section 11322.8.

Section 42-711.533(c)

Specific Purpose:

This section is being adopted to require the immediate assignment of an individual to a program intended to earn a high school diploma or equivalent, if the individual is identified as not having one at the time of appraisal. This section is also being adopted to clarify that the same individual may concurrently be referred to

assessment if additional activities are needed to meet weekly hourly requirements, pursuant to CalWORKs minimum and federal standards. Currently no regulations exist regarding an immediate assignment for this type of activity.

Factual Basis:

This adoption is necessary to implement WIC section 11320.1(b)(2), as amended by AB 1604 (Chapter 303, Statutes of 2017). This section modifies the participation sequence for participants who do not have a high school diploma or equivalent. Rather than participating in initial engagement activities or being referred to assessment to determine the appropriate welfare-to-work activity, AB 1604 prioritizes adult basic education by requiring an individual not in possession of a high school diploma or equivalent to be immediately assigned to a program to earn one.

Section 42-711.533(d)

Specific Purpose:

This section is being adopted to specify that an individual may refuse the immediate assignment to an education program described in Section 42-711.533(c). The individual would continue to participate in other welfare-to-work activities and would indicate their election in writing on the welfare-to-work plan to not participate in an education program to earn a high school diploma or equivalent.

Factual Basis:

This adoption is necessary to implement WIC section 11325.3(b), as adopted by AB 1604. This adoption clarifies that, while adult basic education has been prioritized by AB 1604, the participant still has the authority to participate as they would have prior to the bill. Additionally, the requirement to document the participant's decision in writing in the welfare-to-work plan will ensure a uniform way of tracking whether County Welfare Departments (CWDs) are complying with AB 1604.

Section 42-711.544

Specific Purpose:

This section is being amended to add homework hours to the list of allowable activities that may compose a SIP. Currently, there are no regulations allowing homework time for Self-Initiated Program participants.

Factual Basis:

This amendment is necessary to implement WIC section 11325.23(a)(3)(C), as amended by AB 1811 (Chapter 35, Statutes of 2017), Section 18, effective

June 2017. This amendment establishes that allowable homework time shall be included in the guidance that follows regarding minimum hourly participation requirements.

Section 42-711.544(c)

Specific Purpose:

This section is being adopted to limit the total number of hours a SIP participant is assigned homework time to no more than the number of hours allowed for non-SIP education activities found in Section 42-716.6. Currently, there are no regulations allowing homework time for SIP participants, and, therefore, no regulations limiting the total hours of allowable homework time either.

Factual Basis:

This adoption is necessary as CDSS has determined it is appropriate to align homework time across all CalWORKs education activities, including SIPs, with the federal Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF) program rules for homework time. The federal TANF rules were previously used to implement homework time for all CalWORKs participants, except SIP participants, for participation to be consistent across the CalWORKs Program. The federal TANF program allows up to one hour of unsupervised homework time for every hour the participant is in class. The total homework time, supervised and unsupervised, cannot exceed the amount recommended by the education or training provider. This section is also developed under the provisions of WIC section 10553, which provides the Director of CDSS with the authority to adopt regulations to ensure consistency in the administration of the CalWORKs Program.

Section 42-711.551(f)

Specific Purpose:

This section is being adopted to allow the immediate assignment of an individual to a program intended to earn a high school diploma or equivalent, if the individual is identified as not having one at the time of appraisal, as required by Section 42-711.533(c).

Factual Basis:

This adoption is necessary to implement WIC section 11320.1(b)(2), as amended by AB 1604, which specifies that an individual that does not possess a high school diploma or equivalent be immediately assigned to a program intended to earn the same.

Section 42-711.559

Specific Purpose:

This section is being adopted to clarify that participants subject to Section 42-711.533(c) may participate in an education program prior to attending assessment or signing a welfare-to-work plan, when assessment is needed in order to assign additional activities to meet CalWORKs participation requirements.

Factual Basis:

This adoption is necessary to implement WIC section 11325.3(c), as adopted by AB 1604, which specifies that participants in high school diploma or equivalent programs shall not be required to attend assessment prior to or as a condition of, participation in their assigned program. This adoption is also necessary for consistency, and to clarify the sequencing for participants subject to Section 42-711.533(c). Section 42-711.533(c) allows a participant not in possession of a high school diploma or equivalent to be immediately assigned to a program to earn one, with a concurrent referral to assessment if additional activities are needed. This adoption clarifies that, when a participant is concurrently assigned to such educational activity and also referred to assessment, the participant may immediately begin the former activity prior to the assessment.

Handbook Section 42-711.635

Specific Purpose/Factual Basis:

This handbook section is being amended to reflect the regulatory amendments being made to the section.

Section 42-711.644

Specific Purpose:

This section is being amended to remove references to a "general educational development certificate," and replace the language with "high school diploma or equivalent as described in Section 42-711.533." This reference to Section 42-711.533 is necessary because that section provides specific guidance for CalWORKs participants that do not have high school diplomas or equivalents.

Factual Basis:

This amendment is necessary to maintain consistency with WIC sections 11320.1, 11320.3, 11322.87, 11325.22, and 11325.3, which do not specifically reference a "general educational development certificate." In addition, this amendment will maintain consistency with WIC section 11325.3 as adopted by AB 1604, which specifies that participants in high school diploma or equivalent programs shall not

be required to attend assessment prior to, or as a condition of, participation in their assigned program.

Section 42-716.61

Specific Purpose:

This section is being amended to add SIP participants to the list of those who may be assigned homework time as part of their welfare-to-work plans. Currently, there are no regulations allowing homework time for SIP participants.

Factual Basis:

This amendment is necessary to implement WIC section 11325.23(a)(3)(C), as amended by AB 1811, Section 18, effective June 2018, which added "study time provided for by an educational or training institution" to the list of allowable SIP components. Adding SIP participants to this section will also provide further guidance on how many homework hours can be counted as participation because the limitations specified in Sections 42-716.611 and .612 will now apply to this population.

Section 42-750.114

Specific Purpose:

This section is being adopted to add the requirement that a diaper supportive service of thirty dollars (\$30) per child under 36 months of age shall be provided to CalWORKs Welfare-to-Work or Cal-Learn participants each month to assist with diaper costs and associated items.

Factual Basis:

This adoption is necessary as a header to implement changes to WIC section 11323.2, amended by AB 480 (Chapter 690, Statutes of 2017), which established the new diaper supportive service. The guidance for providing diaper supportive services to welfare-to-work or Cal-Learn participants has multiple components and requires an introductory heading. Additionally, regulations for WIC section 11323.2 must be adopted as required by AB 480.

Section 42-750.114(a)

Specific Purpose:

This section is being adopted to establish the requirement that diaper supportive service recipients must meet certain eligibility criteria to receive the supportive service.

Factual Basis:

This adoption is necessary to implement WIC section 11323.2, as amended by AB 480, which established the new diaper supportive service. There are multiple eligibility criteria mandated by AB 480, so this section is needed to introduce the criteria that follow. This requirement also ensures that diaper supportive services will only be provided to individuals who rely on necessary supportive services to perform their assigned program activity.

Section 42-750.114(a)(1)

Specific Purpose:

This section is being adopted to establish the first eligibility criteria for diaper supportive services, which is that welfare-to-work or Cal-Learn participants must be required to participate or voluntarily participating in welfare-to-work, and be in good standing or waiting to be engaged in program activities.

Factual Basis:

This adoption is necessary to implement WIC section 11323.2, as amended by AB 480, which established the new diaper supportive service. AB 480 requires that this supportive service shall be available to participants who are participating in a welfare-to-work plan, in addition to other eligibility criteria. Additionally, CalWORKs program requires that necessary supportive services must be available to participants who need them to participate in program activities. This adoption clarifies that a participant in the welfare-to-work program only includes CalWORKs participants that are in good standing and actively participating. By this definition, this excludes populations who are sanctioned or removed from aid, or who are excused or exempt and not participating voluntarily.

Section 42-750.114(a)(1)(A)

Specific Purpose:

This section is being adopted to specify that former welfare-to-work program participants receiving post-aid and/or job retention services may be eligible to receive diaper assistance payments.

Factual Basis:

This adoption is necessary to implement WIC section 11323.2, as amended by AB 480, which established the new diaper supportive service. This requirement is necessary to maintain consistency with WIC section 11323.25, which allows counties discretion to provide supportive services to former participants for up to 12 months if they are needed to retain employment. Additionally, regulations for WIC section 11323.2 must be adopted as required by AB 480.

Section 42-750.114(a)(2)

Specific Purpose:

This section is being adopted to establish the second eligibility criteria for diaper supportive services, which is that only participants who have care and control of a qualifying child under 36 months of age at the beginning of the month are eligible to receive diaper supportive services.

Factual Basis:

This adoption is necessary to implement WIC section 11323.2, as amended by AB 480, which established the new diaper supportive service. CalWORKs program requires that necessary supportive services must be available to participants in order to participate in program activities. By requiring that participants have care and control over a qualifying child/ren, this adoption will ensure that the diaper supportive service is only being made available to participants who need it to participate as required by WIC section 11323.2. Additionally, regulations for WIC section 11323.2 must be adopted as required by AB 480.

Section 42-750.114(b)

Specific Purpose:

This section is being adopted to specify that participants may opt-out or return to receiving diaper supportive services at any time by submitting a signed request to the CWD, if eligibility conditions are met. In addition, language is adopted specifying that CWDs will document and release a Notice of Action if an opt-out or opt-back in situation occurs.

Factual Basis:

This adoption is necessary to implement WIC section 11323.2, as amended by AB 480, which established the new diaper supportive service. Because the diaper supportive service is automatically issued to eligible participants, a mechanism must be provided for them to opt-out of the benefit if it is not needed, and to subsequently request the benefit if it later becomes needed. Additionally, regulations for WIC section 11323.2 must be adopted as required by AB 480.

Section 42-750.114(c)

Specific Purpose:

This section is being adopted to specify that necessary supportive services must be provided to program participants or the participant will have a justified reason to not participate in the activity.

Factual Basis:

This adoption is necessary to comply with CDSS regulations under Sections 42-750 and 42-713.21, requiring provision of necessary supportive services to program participants and detailing the justifications for not participating, one among those justifications being lack of supportive services, respectively. This requirement ensures that activity participation is not delayed or prevented, or the participant will have a justified reason to not participate in the activity.

Sections 42-750.115 and .115(a) (Renumbered from 42-750.114 and .114(a))

Specific Purpose/Factual Basis:

These sections are being renumbered to allow for the adoption of a new regulation at Section 42-750.114, diaper supportive service. Nonsubstantive grammatical changes are also being made.

Section 42-750.212

Specific Purpose:

This section is being amended to add diaper supportive services to the array of supportive services that are available to participants in on-the-job training, grant based on-the-job training, supported work, or transitional employment.

Factual Basis:

This amendment is necessary to implement WIC section 11323.2, as amended by AB 480, which established the new diaper supportive service. Section 42-750.21 requires that payments for supportive services other than child care be advanced to the participant when necessary and desired by the client. Section 42-750.212 specifies that this advance payment must be made available to participants in on the-job training, grant-based on-the-job training, supported work, or transitional employment, when eligible for transportation and ancillary expenses. This amendment is necessary to add the diaper benefit to the list of supportive services that must be provided this population via advance payment when applicable. Additionally, regulations for WIC section 11323.2 must be adopted as required by AB 480.

Section 42-750.214

Specific Purpose/Factual Basis:

This section header is being adopted to introduce guidance with its subsections on how diaper supportive service payments must be provided. Currently no regulations exist for the diaper supportive service payment.

Section 42-750.214(a)

Specific Purpose:

This section is being adopted to establish the requirement that the full, flat rate of \$30 per child per month will be provided to eligible participants.

Factual Basis:

This adoption is necessary to implement WIC section 11323.2, as amended by AB 480, which established the new diaper supportive service. AB 480 set a statutory flat rate limit of \$30 per child per month for diaper supportive services, and this section is necessary to clarify that no more or less shall be issued. Additionally, regulations for WIC section 11323.2 must be adopted as required by AB 480.

Section 42-750.214(b)

Specific Purpose:

This section is being adopted to specify that CWDs may issue diaper supportive services on the household's existing Electronic Benefit Transfer (EBT) card, but payment may be provided by alternative payment options at its discretion.

Factual Basis:

This adoption is necessary to maintain consistency with the EBT issuance regulations of CDSS under Section 16-325.1 of the MPP. Pursuant to Section 16-325.1, the CWD has the discretion to issue diaper payment via EBT or alternate method, such as warrant or direct deposit. Additionally, regulations for WIC section 11323.2 must be adopted as required by AB 480.

Section 42-750.214(c)

Specific Purpose:

This section is being adopted to establish the requirement that diaper supportive services for a qualifying child may be provided through the month in which the child turns 36 months of age.

Factual Basis:

This adoption is necessary to implement WIC section 11323.2, as amended by AB 480, which established the new diaper supportive service. This adoption ensures that children of participants will not have diaper supportive services discontinued during the month that the child turns 36 months of age and ensures continuity of assistance through the end of the month. This section helps ensure consistency across CWDs as to when diaper supportive service eligibility will end.

Section 42-750.214(d)

Specific Purpose:

This section is being adopted to specify that participants do not need to submit receipts for the cost of diapers to receive diaper supportive services.

Factual Basis:

This adoption is necessary to implement WIC section 11323.2, as amended by AB 480, which established the new diaper supportive service. This section is necessary to establish a documentation and reporting exception, with the goal of minimizing the client and CWDs reporting burden. Clarification is needed to distinguish the diaper benefit from other supportive services, which require proof of documentation of purchases. Additionally, regulations for WIC section 11323.2 must be adopted as required by AB 480.

Sections 42-750.4 and .41

Specific Purpose:

These sections are amended to add "diaper support services" to the notice requirement procedures specified in Division 22 of the MPP. Current regulations provide notice requirements for transportation and ancillary supportive services, but not diapers.

Factual Basis:

These amendments are necessary to ensure that the notice requirements pursuant to Division 22 of the MPP are applied to the new diaper supportive service implemented by AB 480. The current guidance specifically references transportation and ancillary supportive services only, which may be interpreted as purposely excluding the diaper supportive service from noticing requirements. This interpretation would conflict with Division 22.

Section 42-750.412 (Renumbered from 42-750.414)

Specific Purpose/Factual Basis:

This section is being renumbered from 42-750.414 to 42-750.412 to close a gap currently in the numbering of the regulations for clarity and consistency. Without making this renumbering, readers may think there are regulations missing, which they are not. Currently there are no regulation Sections 42-750.412 nor .413.

Section 42-751 (Title) and 42-751.11

Specific Purpose:

The section header and Section 42-751.11 are amended to include diaper supportive service CWDs must correct for overpayment and underpayment policy.

Factual Basis:

These amendments are necessary to implement WIC section 11323.2, as amended by AB 480, which added diaper supportive services to the array of supportive services available to program participants. The current guidance specifically requires CWDs to attempt correction of overpayments and underpayments of transportation and ancillary supportive services only, which may be interpreted as purposely excluding the diaper supportive service from underpayment and overpayment requirements.

Section 42-751.12

Specific Purpose:

This section is being adopted to establish that underpayments related to diaper supportive services cannot be earlier than April 1, 2018, the date of implementation of AB 480, creating the diaper supportive service.

Factual Basis:

This adoption is necessary to implement WIC section 11323.2, as amended by AB 480, which established the new diaper supportive service. Inclusion of this section is necessary as it prohibits clients from seeking payment for diaper supportive services prior to the implementation of the legislation that created this new supportive service.

b) Identification of Documents Upon Which Department Is Relying

- AB 480 (Chapter 690, Statutes of 2017), WIC section 11323.2
- AB 818 (Chapter 141, Statutes of 2017), WIC section 11322.87
- AB 910 (Chapter 318, Statutes of 2017), WIC section 11322.8
- AB 1604 (Chapter 303, Statutes of 2017), WIC sections 11320.1 and 11325.3
- AB 1811 (Chapter 35, Statutes of 2017), WIC section 11325.23

c) Local Mandate Statement

These regulations do impose a mandate upon local agencies, but not on school districts. There are state mandated local costs that require reimbursement, which is provided in the Budget Act to cover any costs that local agencies may incur.

d) Statement of Alternatives Considered

In developing the regulatory action, the CDSS did not consider other alternatives because the department is legally bound to implement the provisions outlined in AB 480, AB 818, AB 910, AB 1604, and AB 1811.

The CDSS must determine that no reasonable alternative considered or that has otherwise been identified and brought to the attention of CDSS would be more effective in carrying out the purpose for which the regulations are proposed or would be as effective as and less burdensome to affected private persons than the proposed action, or would be more cost-effective to affected private persons and equally effective in implementing the statutory policy or other provision of law.

e) Statement of Significant Adverse Economic Impact On Business

The CDSS has made an initial determination that the proposed action will not have a significant, statewide adverse economic impact directly affecting businesses, including the ability of California businesses to compete with businesses in other states. This determination was made based on the fact that these regulations only apply to a small group of the CalWORKs program participants, who are a comparatively small part of the overall statewide population. If anything, this proposed action may beneficially affect some businesses, as the provision for diaper supportive service payments may increase the amount of money clients spend on diaper products.

f) Economic Impact Assessment [Government Code section 11346.3(b)]

In accordance with Government Code Section 11346.3(b), the CDSS has made an initial determination based on the following information that there is no impact on California businesses as a result of filing these regulations because these regulations only apply to a small group of the CalWORKs program participants. The CDSS is amending the regulations to provide counties with guidance on the statutory requirements of WIC sections 11323.2, 11322.87, 11322.8, 11320.1, and 11325.3, amended with the enactment of AB 480, AB 818, AB 910, AB 1604, and AB 1811, respectively.

Creation or Elimination of Jobs Within the State of California

In accordance with Government Code Section 11346.3(b), the CDSS has made an initial determination that there is no impact on California businesses as a result of filing these regulations because these regulations only apply to a small group of the CalWORKs program participants. The CDSS is amending the regulations to provide counties with guidance on the statutory requirements of WIC Sections 11323.2, 11322.87, 11322.8, 11320.1, and 11325.3, amended with the enactment of AB 480, AB 818, AB 910, AB 1604, and AB 1811, respectively.

Creation of New or Elimination of Existing Businesses Within the State of California

The adoption of the proposed regulations will not result in the creation of new businesses nor elimination of existing businesses in the State of California. This determination has been made based on the fact that these regulations, in the implementation of the above-mentioned bills, have discrete and limited impact to specific industries, none of which are expected to have a measurable impact on the creation or elimination of existing businesses in California.

Expansion of Businesses Within the State of California

The adoption of the proposed regulations will not result in the expansion of businesses in the State of California. This determination has been made based on the fact that these regulations, in the implementation of the above-mentioned bills, have discrete and limited impact to specific industries, none of which are expected to have a measurable impact on the expansion of businesses in California.

Benefits of the Regulations to the health and welfare of California residents, worker safety, and the state's environment

The proposed regulations to implement AB 480 will benefit the public health, safety and welfare of California residents. An unfulfilled need for diapers impacts the physical, mental and economic well-being of children and parents. They will provide relief to participants in the CalWORKs program by preventing diaper insecurity to children 36 months of age and younger, which will allow program participants to participate in program activities that lead to self-sufficiency.

The proposed regulations to implement AB 818, AB 1604, and AB 1811, Section 18, will benefit the welfare of California residents, which collectively promote a society with higher educational attainment, positive outcome by way of decreased poverty and, in correlation to decreased poverty, improved health and well-being of CalWORKs program participants.

The proposed regulations to implement AB 910 will benefit the health and welfare of California residents by allowing pregnant persons to receive aid by participating in federally-required activities (existing) or more flexible activities with a lower weekly hourly participation requirement during pregnancy. This lower weekly hourly participation requirement for pregnant persons is expected to result in improved health outcomes for the parent and their child(ren).

This regulatory action does not have any effect on worker safety or the state's environment.

Documents Relied Upon

The CDSS is amending the regulations based on the statutory requirements of WIC sections 11323.2, 11322.87, 11322.8, 11320.1, and 11325.3, amended with the enactment of AB 480, AB 818, AB 910, AB 1604, and AB 1811, respectively

g) Benefits Anticipated from Regulatory Action

The changes to the CalWORKs supportive services regulations as required by AB 480 will benefit working CalWORKs participants who have children under 36 months of age and who are in need of diaper assistance. An unfulfilled need for diapers impacts the physical, mental, and economic well-being of children and parents. Most child care centers require parents to provide a day's supply of disposable diapers. If CalWORKs participants cannot attend their program activities due to not being able to provide diapers for their child(ren) in a child care center, then they are more likely to stay home and not attend their activity. Many CalWORKs program participants with children under 36 months of age suffer from diaper insecurity. This regulatory action will help alleviate that need.

For AB 818, AB 1604, and AB 1811, the benefit of regulatory action is increased educational attainment of California CalWORKs recipients. A society with higher educational attainment experiences positive outcomes by way of decreased poverty and improved health and well-being.

The proposed regulations to implement AB 910 will benefit California residents in that pregnant persons will receive aid by participating in federally-required activities (existing) or more flexible activities with a lower weekly hourly participation requirement during pregnancy. This lower weekly hourly participation requirement for pregnant persons is expected to result in improved health outcomes for the parent and their child(ren).

h) Statement of Specific Technology or Equipment

This regulatory action will not mandate the use of new, specific technologies or equipment.